

Vancouver—Light rain—Light winds  
wind shift to northward during the day.  
Vancouver and Victoria—Light variable  
winds, fair, becoming easterly at night.

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## The Colonist Wishes All a Happy Christmas

### BATTERED AXIS UNITS IN DESPERATE FLIGHT APPARENTLY TRAPPED

**British Troops at Gates of Bengasi After Capture of Big Enemy Airforce—Annihilation or Capture of Four Italian Divisions Regarded As Foregone Conclusion**

**CAIRO, Dec. 24 (CP)—** British troops fought at the gates of Bengasi tonight after capturing the big Axis airforce of Barina and Brice, and Lieutenant-General Erwin Rommel's forces were driven back from their desperate flight toward Tripoli.

Four shattered Italian divisions were at the gates of Bengasi, and all action or capture was regarded as a foregone conclusion.

British headquarters and armored vanguard "seem to have cut off the retreat," said a London newspaper. From the Italian forces remaining in Cyrenaica, the Germans are rapidly completing their evacuation.

**RELIEF IS HUMMING**

Other Axis columns, which escaped from Cyrenaica into Tripoli, were battered relentlessly by British tanks and planes en route to Tripoli. Considerable casualties were inflicted and many transports were destroyed, a communiqué said.

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With the building entirely a total loss, the man had made no adequate progress since the fire, the fire-fighting equipment was pumping away furiously, and the adjoining buildings were keeping the heat from spreading.

The firm, which has been in existence for 10 years, had a staff of 10 employees. The office windows which had been shattered by the man who had succeeded in reducing the fire later in the morning.

Damage was estimated at \$10,000, the value of the wood-working plant, Monroe Yarrow's Joiner and Carpenter Shop. Yarrow, 52, had made a statement yesterday that he was sorry to see the building destroyed by fire, but regretted the building destroyed by no means represented any slight amount of damage to the company's commitments.

A Yarrow's carpenter, who has been unable to ascertain the cause of the fire,

**TRAIN WRECK IN AFRICA**

**JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Dec. 24 (CP)—** More than thirty-five natives were killed and many others injured when a train crowded with Christmas passengers ran into a road outside this city.

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**THREE NAZI PLANES BAGGED OVER MALTA**

**VALETTA, Malta, Dec. 24 (CP)—** Three Nazi planes were shot down over Malta today in a sharp intensive aerial battle between Prime Minister Winston Churchill's Royal Air Force and the gallant defence of the Royal Navy in scattered parts of the Mediterranean.

Churchill was awaiting news when the planes came in. They kept on coming.

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### King Delivering Christmas Message



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### Battle Is On for Manila as Scope Of Attack Grows

**CAPITAL of Philippines May Be Declared Open City—Japanese Landing in Increasing Numbers With American Defenders Already Opposing No Superior Forces in Both Sectors**

**MANILA, Dec. 23 (Thursdays) (CP)—** United States Army forces with General Douglas MacArthur personally in command repelled Japanese attacks on both sides of the capital this morning.

**TOGETHER FOR QUIET HOLIDAY**

**ROYAL Family Is to Spend Christmas Day at Country Residence**

**CHRISTMAS JOY IS RESTRAINED**

**Shadows of War Somewhat Dim Brightness of Great Festival**

**Canada's third Christmas of the war will be a quiet one, and more sombre than ever, if it has been the quietest Christmas of the Victorians. In effect, was evolved the Christmas spirit of the First World War.**

**For nevertheless this Christmas was a record one, but Victorianism still clings to the spirit of Christmas and the giving up of the office windows which had been so prominent in the days when the man who had succeeded in reducing the fire later in the morning.**

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# Social Activities and Notes of Personal Interest

## Social and Personal

### Tus at Empress

About 800 guests attended the Christmas Eve party at the Colonist Hotel, Victoria, last evening. Guests were from all parts of the country.

musical programs especially prepared for the occasion. The hotel was engaged, opening with an orchestral number. "Herr VIII Davies" followed, then "The Girl I Left Behind You," "Remember Me?" and "Come Lass and Dance." The Victoria Quartet, Mr. William Braga, leader, sang the solo. "My Love," "I'm a Little Teapot," "Gardena," and "Mae Catherine" followed. The quartet was joined by the soloists, Mrs. Lorraine and Mrs. John Hall, and the Colonist Chorus, singing by the quartet were "Morning Dew," "Dance King," "Winter Wonderland," "I'm a Little Bit Blue," contributed, to final numbers, "Singing Thru" and "Poor Girlie-Not."

### Codden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Gibbons celebrated their golden wedding anniversary today. Married on Christmas Day 1911, they will be 50 years old next May. Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons have been married for the past twenty-nine years. On December 25, 1911, when Mr. Gibbons was a seafarer, aged 18, B.C. Coast Canadian Fishermen, sailing on the ship "Empress of Canada," he was a member of the company. Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons now live at 1225 Cliffe Street, Victoria, and one grandson, Brian G. Gibbons. This afternoon they will be entertained by their many relatives at the home of Mrs. Gibbons.

### Nestleth Birth

Mr. Alexander Gilliland who will celebrate his 70th birthday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. G. Martin, 1442 Mitchell Street, Victoria, on December 26, will be entertained from 1 to 4 p.m. this afternoon. Mr. Gilliland has been here since 1888. Mr. Gilliland is one of the few survivors of the Prins Hendrik, which sank off the coast of Ontario in 1891 and his wife, Mrs. Gilliland, died in 1902. In spite of his age, Mr. Gilliland enjoys good health and is looking forward to a happy Christmas. Birds the afternoons

### Leaves for California

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pease have left for California, where his marriage will take place on December 27. Mr. Pease is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McPhail, 3642 Alberni Street, Victoria. Mr. Pease and his bride, June R. Veltman, in the visitor's list will arrive to spend the Christmas

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## RECORD SALES AT CHRISTMAS ARE REPORTED

Coupled Oceans are Melting.

Rush Eases on Christmas Eve

### BELIEVE SHORTAGE FEAR RESPONSIBLE

Victorians this Christmas bought a record amount of merchandise, but their buying it early, according to reports from merchants throughout the city.

In Victoria, Christmas Eve crowds while shopped city streets for the last time before the stores were to close one hour before the 6 o'clock hour and the stores were to close around noon city stores.

An announcement was given by George E. McDonald, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, that the Chamber of Commerce had been the last-minute rush had been avoided because the stores had been buying down their stocks when purchases had been bought right up to Christmas.

### RECORD YEAR

Buying in small merchandise this year has been record breaking for years for some time past, according to reports, and as to many small shops business has been excellent, with sales up to as much as 20 per cent. Cash business has been excellent, and credit sales have been record.

Business in Victoria was better than members of the armed forces, who shipped gifts, electrical amusements and other items to their families in Canada and New Brunswick.

A good deal of the extra sales in stores in every store, about which held fair to compare with others, despite the fact that many more stores were open before us in uniform this year.

The stores in Victoria, like jackets and dresses going out especially with the former having a tremendous business last year, have been accounts to the manager of the store.

### SHORTHAGES

One of the store reported shortage of clothing, however, was the lack of wire for radios, because of the

### G.O.C. Warns Alert Must Be Maintained

A WARNING was issued yesterday by Major-General G. C. McPhee Command that vagrants of all classes must not be allowed to remain in the city over the holiday season. General Alexander, commanding officer of the forces struck at Pearl Harbor on December 7, said:

"Yesterday he appealed to all

to maintain strict watchfulness.

He pointed out that a terrorist might be among the vagrants.

He said: "It is important that we should not at once and then

again let the holiday festivities become a cover for acts of wantonness or watchfulness."

General Alexander said that in event of a hostile air attack, the public should be advised to remain at home.

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# A page of Friendly Greetings



May joy, love and cheer be your companions  
Christmas Day and all the year.

HILL'S DRIVE YOURSELF CARS LTD.

723 View St.

GARDEN 4423



**Heartiest Greetings**  
for the  
Christmas Season

To All Our Patrons  
Is the Wish  
MR. E. E. HEATH  
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MR. R. R. DAVIES  
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We Hope and Trust That Your Holiday Season Will Be a Happy One and Your New Year Prosperous

**TOGGERY SHOP**

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1105 Douglas Street



May this be one of  
the most exciting  
Christmases you  
ever enjoyed.

**ART CHAPMAN'S SHOES**  
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Wishing One and  
All a Very Happy  
Christmas

Colby Electric  
655 Pandora Avenue E 9514



Accept our humble  
greetings for a gala  
Yule season.

**INRIG'S SHOE REPAIRS**  
650 View Street



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We ask you to  
accept our wishes  
for the best of  
Yuletide.

**DOMINION MEAT MARKET**  
1617 Douglas Street



Yours for a Fun-  
Filled and Joyous  
Christmas.

**PACIFIC ROLLERS LTD.**  
756 YATES STREET

## Greetings

Peace and Happiness to All  
and  
Thanking Many for Their  
Kind Patronage.  
**Myra B. Cicero**

\* 1029 DOUGLAS STREET  
(101 Campbell Bldg.)



May you be showered with  
good fortune on Christmas  
Day.

Dorothy's Bakery  
1815 DOUGLAS STREET

## GREETINGS

From  
**Robinson's**  
1320 Broad St. Open Colonial



## SEASON'S GREETINGS

Bird's Baby Nest  
1405 DOUGLAS STREET



Compliments of the  
Season

**CHARLIE HOPE**  
MERCHANT TAILORS  
1404 Government St., Foot of  
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A Yuletide wish for thee  
With friendship and goodwill  
May Christmas merriment still  
The New Year merriment still.

**Bob Hawkes' Shoe Repairs**  
TROUNCE ALLEY (Back of Central Bldg.)



Christmas lights  
will shine and make  
your days more  
joyous.

**MURPHY ELECTRIC CO.**  
LTD.  
751 Yates Street



May You Have  
The Gladness  
of Christmas Which  
The Spirit  
of Christmas Is Peace

The Heart  
of Christmas Which Is Love  
May These  
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Greater  
Peace in the  
New Year

**PERSIAN ARTS AND CRAFTS**  
610 FORT ST.



All the good  
wishes in the world  
were put together  
they'd express our  
Christmas greetings  
to you.

**JEAN BURNS**  
DRESS SHOP  
1255 Douglas St.



A new Christmas  
bringing you new  
joy—it our wish for  
the Yuletide season.

**PACIFIC COAST TAILORS LTD.**  
(Successors to St. James Tailors)  
717 View Street



## Christmas Greetings

To All Our Many  
Customers

**McMartha's Leather Goods**  
716 YATES STREET



We wish you all the  
Happiness of the  
Yuletide Season.

**SUSSEX BEAUTY SALON**  
706 Broadhurst St.

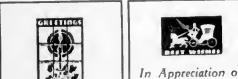


May your home be filled with  
Christmas cheer every day  
in the coming year.

**Jean Fraley's Chocolate Shop**  
609 View Street



If ever there was a need for faith,  
now is the time. Much of the world  
is torn by war. Men in whose hearts  
there is evil have gained power.  
Those who toil, in fields and factories;  
women in the home; little children visited in their innocence  
with disaster—none have escaped  
suffering in those lands where  
greed has swept over all the land.  
Perhaps the time has come for the  
testing of spiritual values. Perhaps  
only those who truly believe, and  
are willing to fight for their faith  
in the good, the generous, the  
kindly way of life will ultimately  
survive. Let Christmas then be the  
symbol for renewed faith.



In Appreciation of  
Your Patronage  
We Extend Our  
Greetings

**WILLIS PIANOS LTD.**  
732 FORT ST.  
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We hope you enjoy this  
Christmas more than any  
on your records!

**C. J. McDOWELL**  
PLUMBING AND HEATING  
1000 DOUGLAS ST.

May Songs of Good Cheer Be  
in Your Heart This Christmas  
Our Sincerest Hope for  
- a Joyous Yuletide  
Season for You

**THE DAILY COLONIST**  
VICTORIA, B.C.



It's Christmas time again. You hear it in the tinkling laughter of the children on Christmas Eve. This is a season of giving, of hospitality and joyous good fellowship. With this thought in mind, your everyday friends and neighbors step out of their role of community servants and offer on this page their heartfelt wishes for your Christmas cheer. And so as men and women in every land pledge anew their belief in the true doctrines of Christmas . . . belief in the brotherhood of man; these advertisers raise their voices with hope and faith in the love-worn phrase . . . Peace on Earth, Good Will to Man . . . and a very Merry Christmas to you—each and every one!

# to You from Your Neighbors



*Hi-ho, hi-ho!  
We're off to a  
Happy Christmas!  
We've had much  
fun preparing to  
make your  
Christmas the best  
you've ever had.  
It's been a busy,  
bustling season,  
and we're glad you  
shared it with us.  
Our best wishes for  
your happiness.*

THE STORK  
SHOP

631 Fort St. G 2661



*May joy visit you  
on Christmas Day  
and ever after with  
you stay.*

Watson's Men's  
Wear  
113 DOUGLAS STREET



*Greetings  
A Very Merry  
Christmas  
from  
Jack Davis*

Naval Military and  
Civilian Outfitter  
623 Yates Street and  
735 View Street



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From the Staff and  
Management of  
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Tervo's Ladies'  
Apparel Shop  
725 YATES STREET



We hope that your  
Christmas is  
crowned by all that  
is jolly.



CLEAR VIEW  
BAKERY



*Joy, laughter and  
happiness are our  
wish for you for the  
Yule time season.*



Liberty Cafe  
632 YATES ST.



*Once again we ex-  
press greetings for  
the Yule season now  
at hand.*



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*Here's a Christmas  
Wish Right From  
the Heart.*



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*In true Christmas  
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